

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 501295

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dawn Marie Schwarzkopf

Application No. 09/920,676

Filed: August 2, 2001

Art Unit: 3712

Examiner: Dimitri Suhol

For: TEACHING APPARATUS AND
METHOD OF ENABLING USE OF
KEYBOARD BY YOUNG CHILDREN

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant, through her attorney, respectfully requests the granting of an interview for the above-identified application at the Examiner's convenience.

The Applicant requests said interview for two reasons. First, the Applicant wishes to discuss with the Examiner the propriety of making the outstanding Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, final in view of the new grounds of rejection set forth for claims 13, 16, 19 and 21. In particular, claim 19 was merely amended to independent form without any other amendments made thereto. However, the Examiner has cited a new ground of rejection against this claim 19, has made the ground of rejection final, and has indicated that the ground of rejection was necessitated by the Applicant's amendment. However, since claim 19 was merely amended to independent form without any substantive amendments, the Applicant respectfully submits that she has a right to address

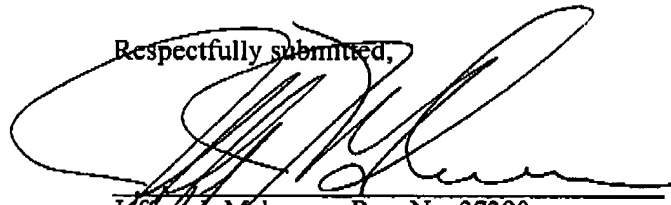
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this ground of rejection. Similarly, no substantive amendments were made to claim 21 other than a change of dependency from cancelled independent claim 18 to claim 19. Further, the Examiner has set forth a new ground of rejection to dependent claim 16 which has not been amended. While claim 15, from which claim 16 depends, was amended into independent form, no amendments to the substance of claim 15 was made. As such, the scope of claim 16 has not changed, and therefore the citation of a new ground of rejection against this claim cannot be made final.

The Applicant would also like to discuss with the Examiner the teachings of the Nopper and Evans references taken as whole, including the teachings in those references that teach against the combination proposed by the Examiner.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his consideration of this request for an interview. Should the Examiner decline this request, the Applicant respectfully requests the courtesy of a notification of same at the Examiner's earliest convenience so that an appropriate formal response may be drafted and filed within the response period.

Respectfully submitted,



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